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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 by filing a submission (this Amendment and accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement) and the required fee set forth in § 1.17(e). Prosecution is closed as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 because the last office action was a Final Office Action, mailed May 21, 2004, and the application was under appeal, initiated by a Notice of Appeal mailed on October 20, 2004. The Appeal Brief has not been filed.

Applicant believes that this RCE is timely filed because the two-month period for filing an Appeal Brief triggered by the Notice of Appeal is due to expire on December 20, 2004. No

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extensions of time are believed to be required. The Director is authorized to charge any fees not covered to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed on September 16, 2004, Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. Applicant requests non-entry of the after-final Amendment and Response filed on August 3, 2004, that was not entered previously. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendments and reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. Applicant also requests consideration of the accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.